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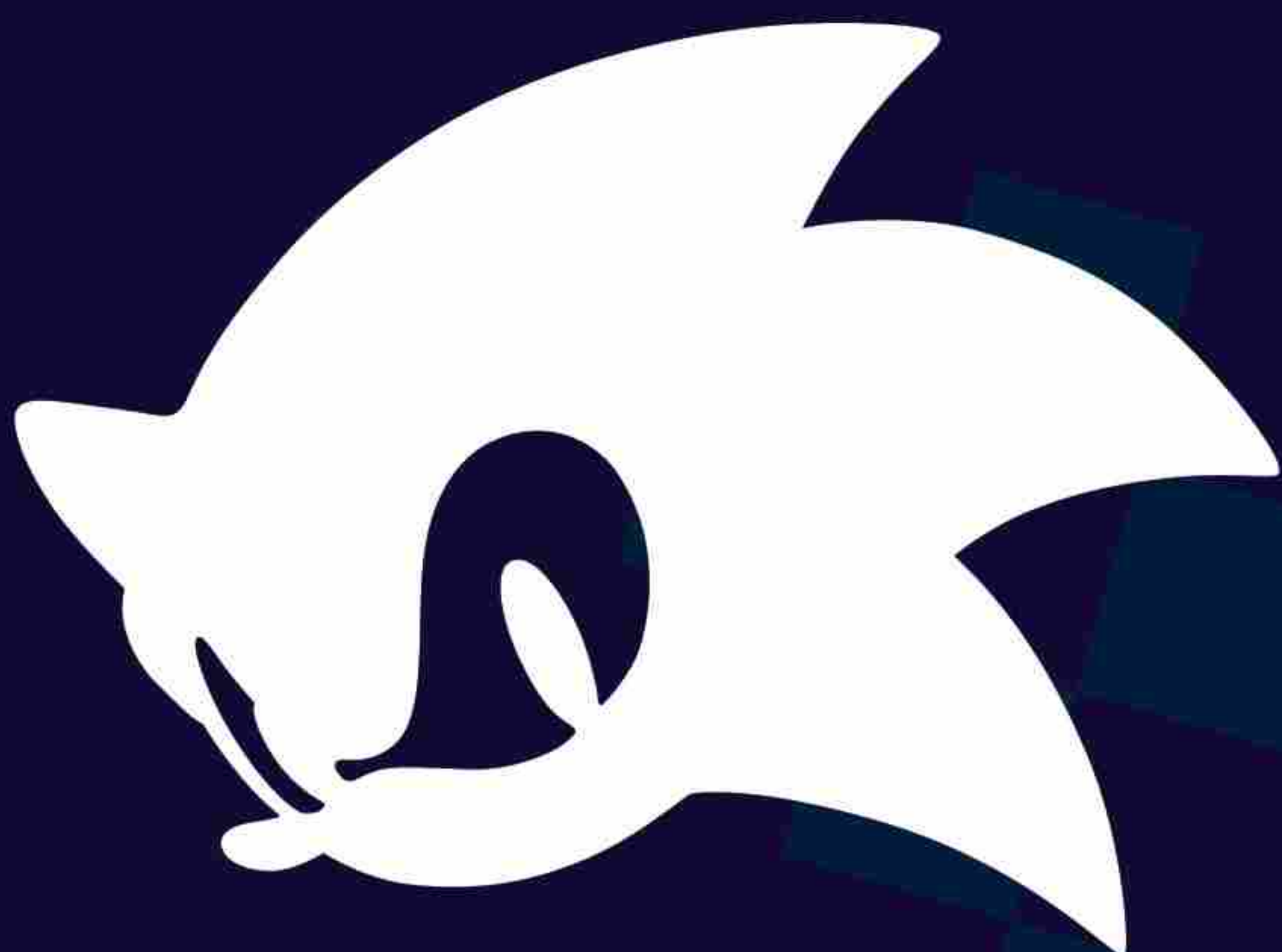
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STORY SO FAR





AMY ROSE

Hammer-swinging Heroine.
Restoration organizer.



JEWEL THE BEETLE

Crystal Curator.
Tangle's best friend.



MILES "TAILS" PROWER

Tech-savvy Sidekick.
High-flying genius.



TANGLE THE LEMUR

Excitable Hero.
Elastic-tailed brawler.



WHISPER THE WOLF

Silent Sniper.
Variable wispon master.



DR. EGGMAN

Mad Genius.
Eggman Empire.



TEAM CHAOTIX

Ace detectives.
Chaotix detective agency.



CREAM THE RABBIT

Gentle Heroine.
Restoration ally.



VANILLA THE RABBIT

Loving mother.
Restoration ally.



GEMERL

Reformed Robot.
Cream's protector.



SHADOW THE HEDGEHOG

The Ultimate Lifeform.
Sonic's grim rival.



ROUGE THE BAT

Treasure-hunting Spy.
Restoration ally.

IMPERIAL PALACE OF
THE SOL EMPIRE.

BLAZE THE CAT'S
WORLD AND DIMENSION.

THE SONIC
THE HEDGEHOG
I KNOW
WAS A HERO,
A PARAGON.

HE WAS
AS SWIFT AND
FREE AS THE WIND.
HE HAD NO MASTER,
BUT FOUGHT FOR
ANYONE AND
EVERYONE.

THERE WAS
NO CHALLENGE
TOO GREAT,
NO THREAT TOO DIRE
THAT HE WOULDN'T
FACE WITHOUT
SWAGGER AND
A SMILE.

HE SOUNDS VERY
IMPRESSIVE.
I'D LIKE TO MEET
HIM ONE DAY.



I... WHO DO YOU THINK YOU ARE?



I'M AFRAID I HAVEN'T THE FOGGIEST, YOUR HIGHNESS.

I MET THE MOST PRECOCIOUS LITTLE GIRL, THOUGH, WHO DUBBED ME "MR. NEEDLEMOUSE."



I LIKE THE SOUND OF THAT.



YOU'VE HAD SOME TIME TO REST AND THINK. DO YOU RECALL ANYTHING?



NOTHING CONCRETE. ALL MY MEMORIES SEEM... WARPED.

I DREAM OF SEA AND SKY. OF GOLDEN FIRE AND A SENSE OF... FALLING.

AND THAT'S ALL!



WHAT IN THE WORLD DID THIS TO YOU, SONIC?



AND WHAT'S
HAPPENING ON YOUR
WORLD NOW?

RESTORATION HQ.
SONIC'S WORLD &
DIMENSION.

I CAN'T
DO THIS...

...I'M NO
LEADER! I HELPED
ADMINISTRATE
THE RESISTANCE
BECAUSE EVERYONE
NEEDED TO PITCH
IN!

I ONLY
TOOK OVER THE
RESTORATION
BECAUSE THERE
WAS NOBODY
ELSE AND THE
WORK *HAD* TO
BE DONE!

WHAT I
WOULDN'T GIVE
TO GO BACK TO THE
DAYS WHEN IT WAS
JUST ME AND SONIC
RACING FROM ONE
ADVENTURE TO
THE NEXT...



...SONIC...

...HE GAVE
EVERYTHING TO
SAVE US FROM
THE METAL VIRUS.
HE NEVER GAVE
UP--SO NEITHER
SHOULD I.

BUT I
WISH I
HAD SOME
HELP...

HELLO?
MISS ROSE?
AM I IN THE
RIGHT
PLACE?





"...AND FINDING
PEOPLE DISPLACED
BY THEIR TIME AS
ZOMBOTS."

ECHO MINE.



NO WAY
OUT.

BELLIES
STARTING TO
GRUMBLE.

LOOKS
LIKE THIS IS
THE END FOR

**ROUGH
& TUMBLE!**







"TOO BAD SILVER'S
ALREADY GONE HOME!"

THE FUTURE.



WELL... I'M
BACK TO MY OWN
TIME PERIOD. THE
GRASS IS NORMAL.
THAT'S... A GOOD
SIGN.

BUT A LOT
CAN CHANGE
IN A COUPLE
HUNDRED YEARS.
IS EVERYTHING
RESTORED,
OR...?



SONIC...
EVERYONE...
THANK YOU.
WE MADE A
GOOD
FUTURE.



DR. EGGMAN'S LAB--
THE PRESENT.

EGG-V0678

"MAY YOUR TIME STAY
PEACEFUL, TOO."

AND NOW
FOR THE
FINISHING
TOUCH!

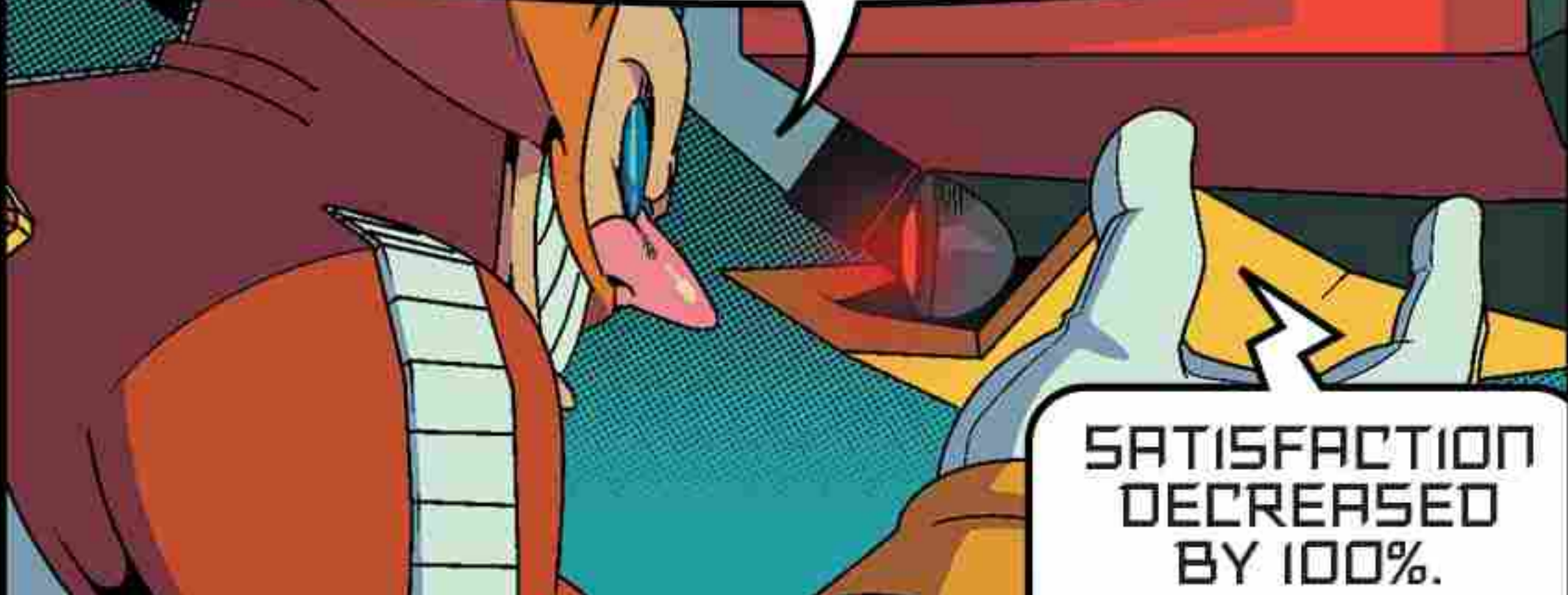


HOW DOES
IT FEEL TO BE
CORPOREAL
AGAIN,
OMEGA?



GOOD.
DESTROYING
YOU WILL
ENHANCE THIS
BY 90%.

WOO-HA-HA-HA! OH, I BET IT WOULD! BUT I
LOCKED DOWN YOUR BODY, SO THERE WILL
BE NO MAYHEM FOR YOU!



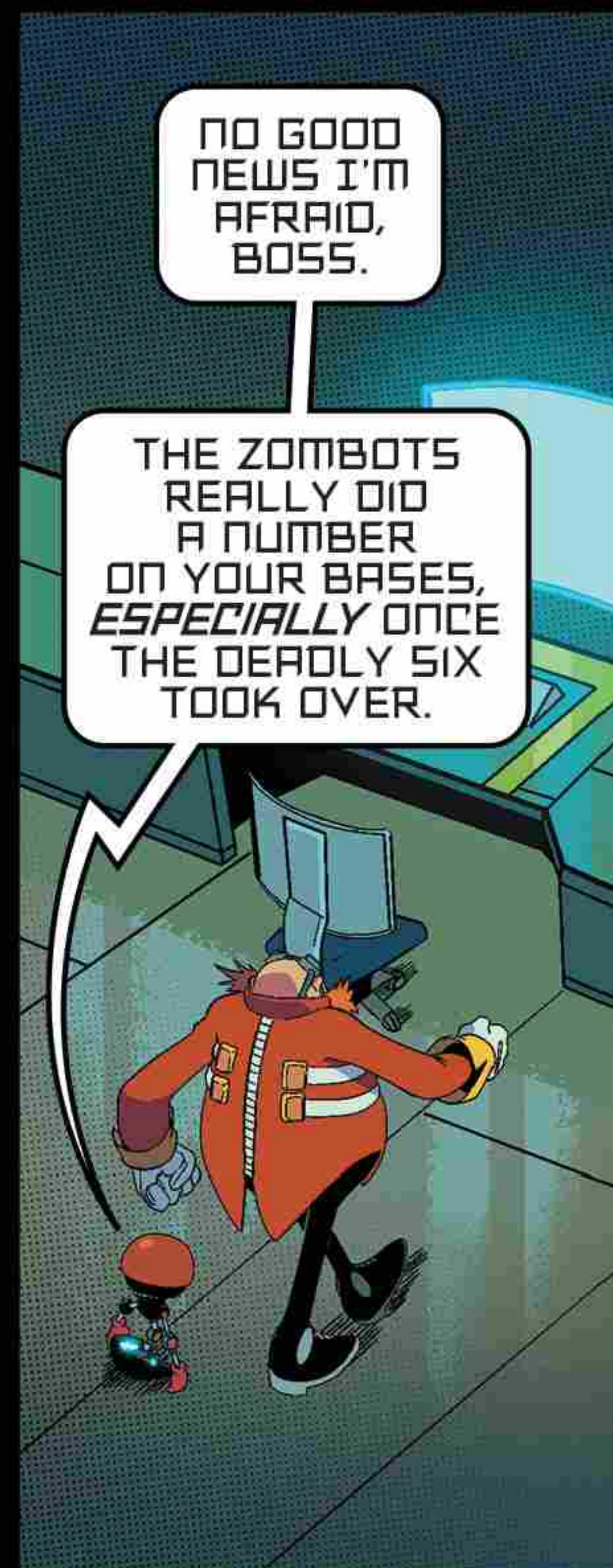
SATISFACTION
DECREASED
BY 100%.

IT GETS
BETTER! I'LL
BE USING YOU
FOR A SPECIAL
PROJECT.

WELCOME
BACK TO
THE EGGMAN
EMPIRE,
E-123!

HATRED
PROCESSING
AT PEAK
EFFICIENCY!







THERE'S NOTHING FOR IT, THEN. IT'S FULL STEAM AHEAD ON THE NEXT PROJECT!

GEE, BOSS, WHY NOT TAKE A VACATION?

INDEED. YOU WORKED VERY HARD TRYING TO DOOM US ALL.



AND I KNOW I'D LIKE SOME TIME OFF.

YEAH! GO SOMEPLACE NICE. LIKE THE BASEMENT!

KEEP DREAMING BIG, BUDDY.



THIS IS NO TIME TO REST. I NEED TO ESTABLISH MY NEXT PLAN BEFORE SONIC INEVITABLY RETURNS TO CAUSE ME HEADACHES.

AND NOW I HAVE TO FACTOR IN THE ERRANT ZETI. THE CACOPHONIC CONCH WAS LOST WHEN ROUGE CRASHED THE FACESHIP, WHICH LEAVES ME DEFENSELESS AGAINST THEM.

AND THERE'S DR. STARLINE TO CONSIDER...



OH, YEAH! I LIKED HIM! HE SMELLED NICE.

WHATEVER HAPPENED TO YOUR FANBOY-- I MEAN-- PROTEGE?

THAT'S THE THING-- I DON'T KNOW.

HE OPENED A WARP PORTAL, AND I PUNTED HIM THROUGH IT. I DIDN'T THINK TO LOOK WHERE HE WAS RETREATING TO.

"HE COULD BE ANYWHERE."

DR. STARLINE'S REPOSITORY.

OH, DOCTOR... WHY CAN'T YOU SEE THE ERROR IN YOUR WAYS?

EGGMAN TRULY IS THE GENIUS I THOUGHT HIM TO BE, BUT HE'S *INEPT* IN HIS EXECUTION!

AND SONIC IS EVERY BIT THE POWERHOUSE I EXPECTED, BUT HE'S JUST... RECKLESS!

SO MUCH WASTED POTENTIAL. BUT I HAVE THE CLARITY OF VISION. I CAN... *IMPROVE* UPON THEM.

FEAR NOT, DOCTOR. I AM STILL LOYAL, DESPITE YOUR CRUELTY.

I'LL CONQUER THE WORLD. SURPASS YOU SO THAT YOU MIGHT LEARN BY EXAMPLE.

AND WHEN I SEAT YOU ON THE THRONE OF VICTORY, YOU WILL ACKNOWLEDGE I WAS RIGHT.

YOU WILL LISTEN TO ME. AND WE WILL WORK TOGETHER AS *EQUAL* MINDS.



CHAOTIX
DETECTIVE
AGENCY.
SEASIDE CITY.

CHAOTIX
DETECTIVE
AGENCY!
PLEASE
HOLD!

YES! I'M
THE LEAD
DETECTIVE!
PLEASE
HOLD!

NO! I SAID
A **DOUBLE-
EXTRA LARGE,**
NO CHEESE!
PLEASE
HOLD!

RING RING



SO MANY
MISSING
PERSONS
CASES...

...ALMOST
MAKES ME MISS
THE DAYS WHEN
WE **COULDN'T**
FIND WORK!



**KNOCK-
KNOCK**

PLEASE HOLD!
I MEAN...IT'S OPEN!
WE'LL BE WITH YOU IN
A... MINUTE? HOUR?
SOMETIME THIS
WEEK?







FOREST HILL.

"TIME TO FIND THOSE MISSING PEOPLE!"

THERE YOU ARE!

YOU CAN BE A PAIN TO TRACK DOWN, Y'KNOW?

THINGS SEEMED TO HAVE SETTLED DOWN.

ALL THE BAD GUYS ARE IN HIDING. AT LEAST THEY'RE NOT CAUSING TROUBLE.

BUT... I CAN'T FIND ANY SIGN OF SONIC OR OMEGA.

DID YOU HEAR A WORD I SAID?

YES.

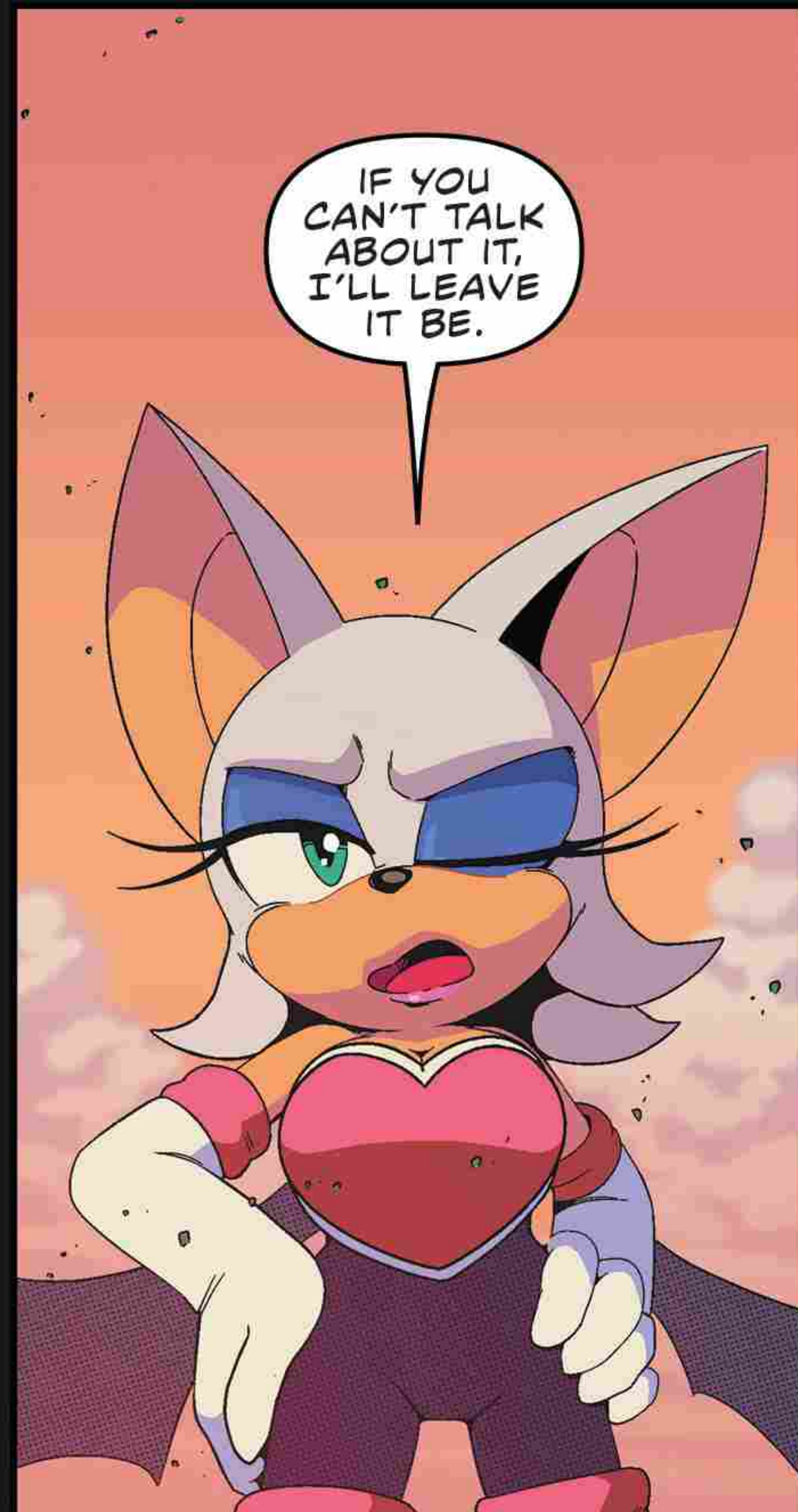
WHAT'S UP? YOU'RE EVEN MORE BROODING THAN USUAL.



HE SAID TO RUN.
WHAT I THOUGHT
WAS COWARDICE WAS
A WARNING. THAT ONE
MISTAKE TOOK ME OUT
OF THE FIGHT.

ME--THE
ULTIMATE
LIFE-FORM--
MISCALCULATING
LIKE THAT...

...IT'S
UNACCEPTABLE!



IF YOU
CAN'T TALK
ABOUT IT,
I'LL LEAVE
IT BE.



I OWE
HIM. NOW
HE'S GONE.
THAT'S ALL.



THERE'S A BIG PARTY
GOING DOWN AT
SPIRAL HILL TONIGHT.
EVERYONE'S INVITED--
EVEN YOU.

PASS.

FIGURED,
BUT I
THOUGHT
I'D TRY.

SPIRAL HILL VILLAGE.







AND I'LL BE
ENDING ALL
OF YOURS!

**NEXT TIME: EGGMAN ON THE
ATTACK! SONIC MISSING! WILL
OUR HEROES FINALLY FIND PEACE?**



NEXT MONTH



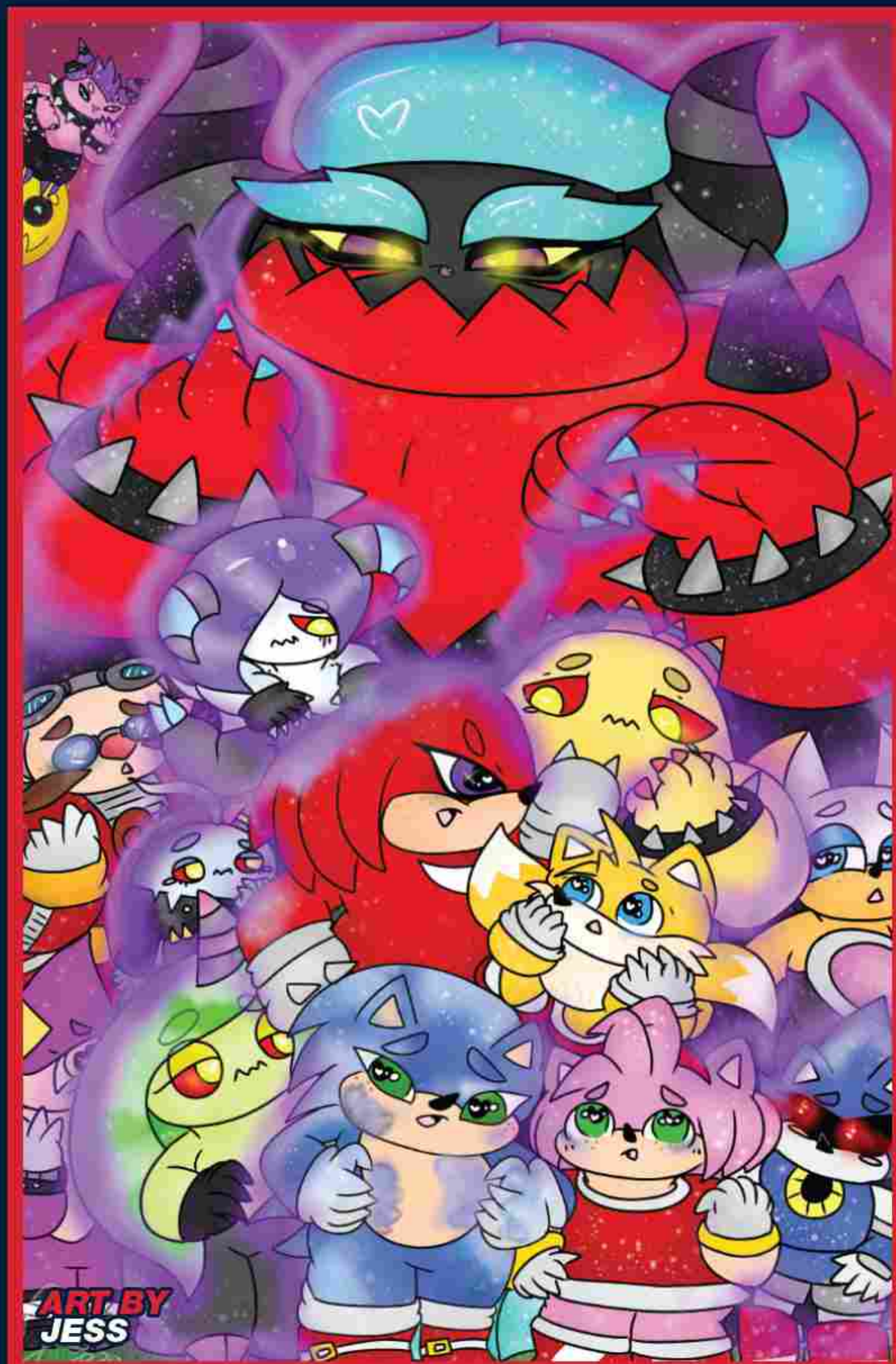
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LETTERS SQUAD

Greetings, Squad! The heroes just can't catch a break, huh? They'll have to take down Eggman quickly if they want to enjoy the rest of their party! Thank you for joining Ian Flynn, Adam Bryce Thomas, Matt Herms, and Shawn Lee for "Recovery, part one." Now, on to the letters!

Dear IDW,

Hello there! My name is Jess, and I'm a very big fan of the Sonic the Hedgehog series! I've very much enjoyed this series ever since I was a young child, and I am loving the comics coming out this past while, especially this Zombot arc! The characters are written wonderfully and illustrated gorgeously, the team is doing such an amazing work so far, the issues have been leaving me on the edge of my seat from all of the action! Loving all the inclusion of my favourite characters, the Deadly Six as well, it's makes me so happy to see them again! I wanted to include some fan art I had made very recently of the showdown on Angel Island. Can't wait to see what happens next, keep up with the amazing work!



Hi, Jess!

I'm so glad to hear that you enjoy the comics. The writers and artists work hard to include many different characters and to create new characters. It's always fun to add more characters into the mix, especially the Deadly Six, who are just bad for the sake of being bad. Eggman is always only after Sonic, but the Deadly Six just want to rule the world. It's a different dynamic that has been interesting to see play out. Thanks so much for your awesome art and letter!

Hey IDW,

You guys really know how to make me feel awful. In a good way. The Zombot arc has been extremely raw emotionally, and it's put these characters in a context I've never seen them in before. When Vector sacrificed himself, and when Cream got infected, I actually started crying. I could feel how upset Whisper was at losing her best friend, and even Gemerl was for what was going to happen to Cream. You really like putting our favorite characters through the wringer, huh?

Everything's going from bad to worse fast, and I can't wait to see our favorite blue blur come out on top. And then for someone to please get everyone in this cast therapy for what's just happened.

*Signing off,
Ashley*

(P.S. Silver's my favorite character, and I really hope we get to see more of him.)



Hi, Ashley!

I'm so sorry we have put you through emotional distress, but I'm glad to hear you're so invested in the comic. It has certainly pulled on all of our heart strings as well. The scene with Cream was... one of the hardest. While I wouldn't say the writers enjoy putting the characters through the wringer, you're right about seeing the characters in a different context. It's fun to see them save the day, but with the added emotional depth, it connects the characters with the reader in a new way.

P.S. Silver is my favorite, too! I'm sure we'll see him again.

IDW team,

These Sonic comics are amazing!! As a long time Sonic fan I really love the callbacks and references to older games. I can tell everyone working on this has a lot of love for the series. For Sonic's 29th birthday I decided to make an Amy Rose cosplay! She has always been one of my favorite Sonic characters, so I wanted to share my work with you guys and other Amy fans! I look forward to reading more issues of the comic. Each one has me on the edge of my seat!

Briannabuns

Hi, Brianna,

First, let me say that your cosplay is awesome! Amy Rose is the best, and always deserves more



love. Hopefully you'll be able to wear it to a convention sometime soon. And second, thanks for being a fan of the comics! The writers and artists started out as fans of the Sonic games, so including callbacks to those games is a fun nod to fellow long-time fans.

Thanks for joining us, Squad. Don't forget to send your art and letters to letters@idwpublishing.com, and make sure to mark them: "OKAY TO PRINT!" And join the IDW Sonic Comics Squad on Facebook! Join us next month for "Recovery, part two" and the FINAL INSTALLMENT of the Metal Virus Saga!





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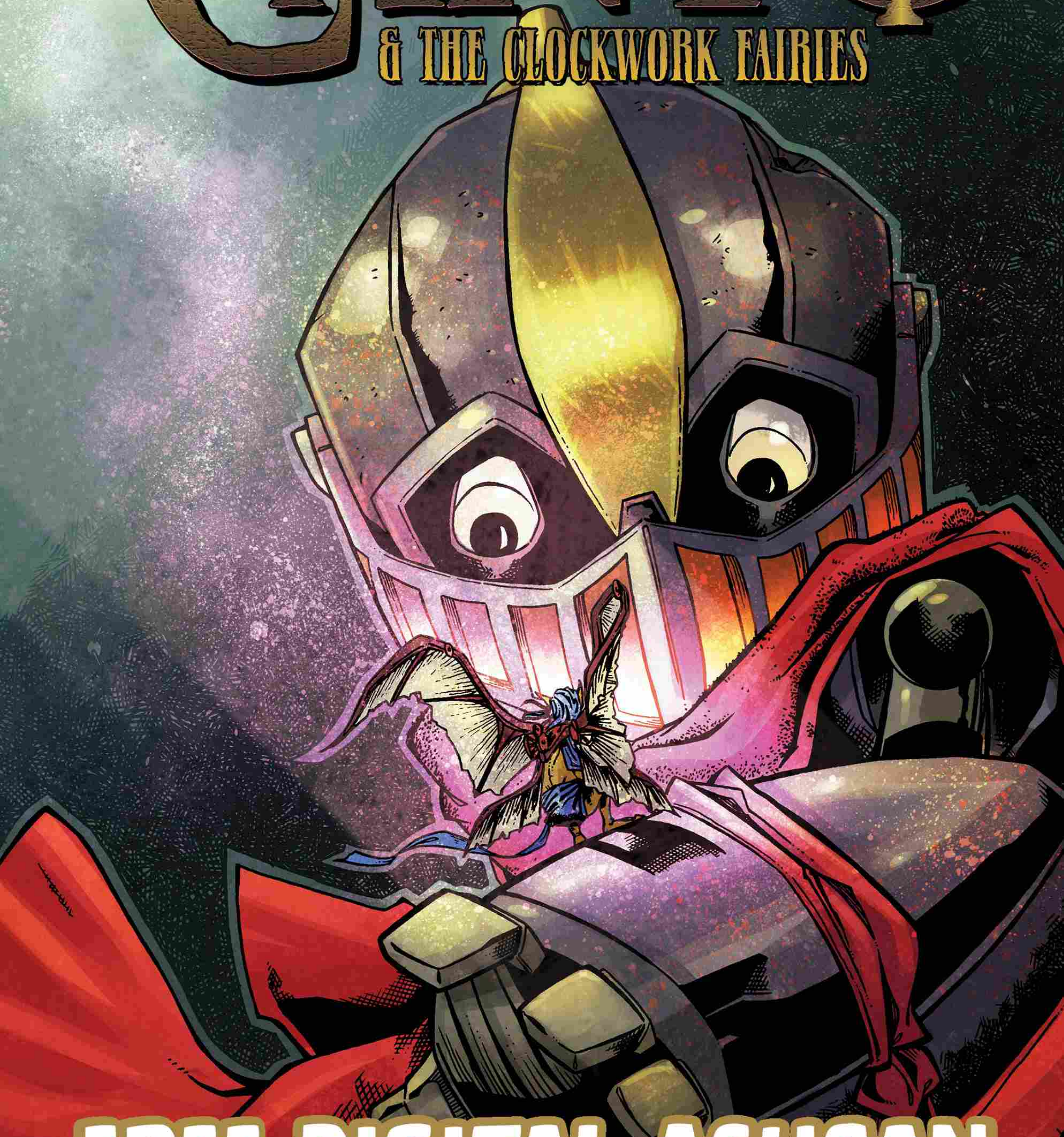
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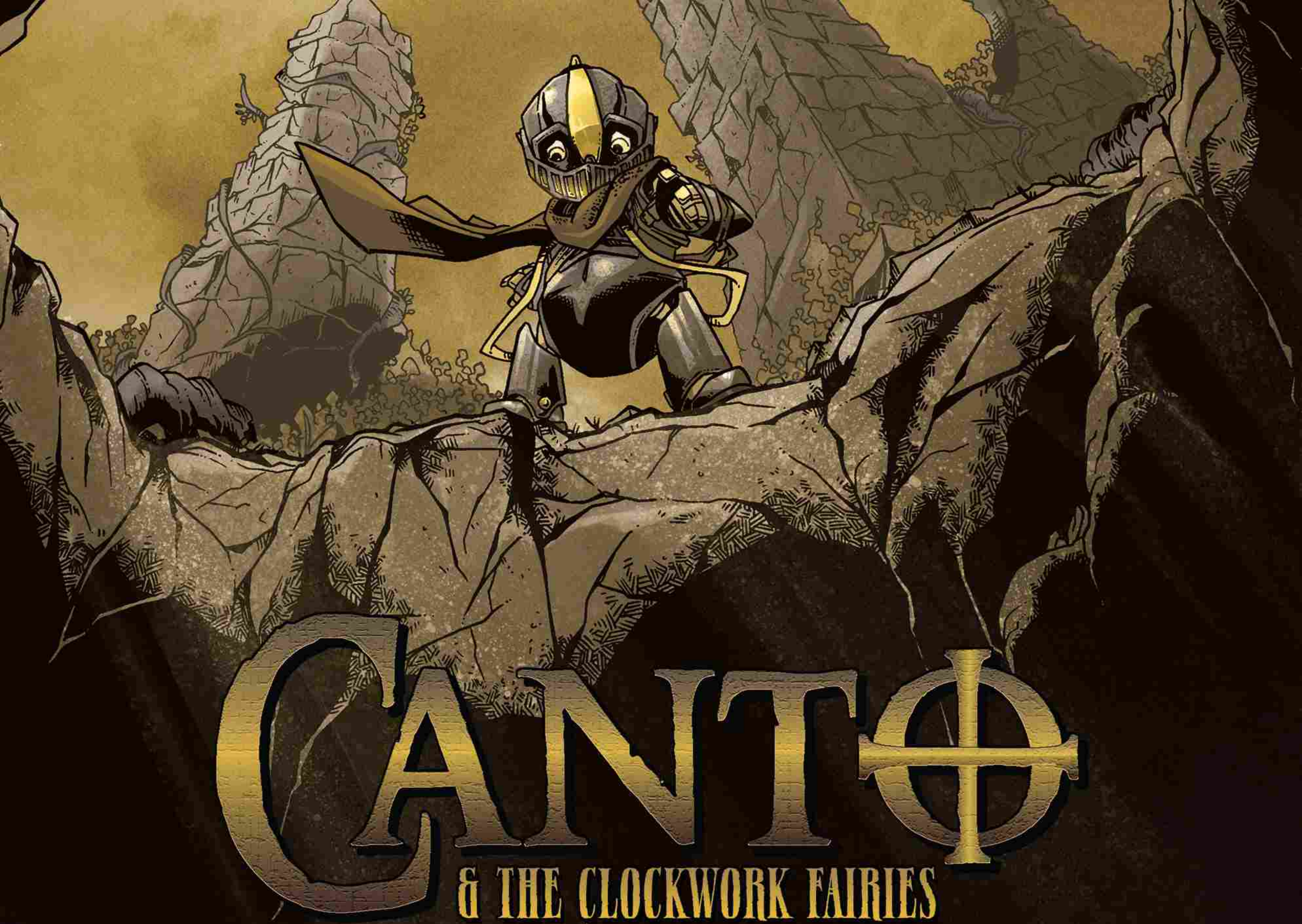
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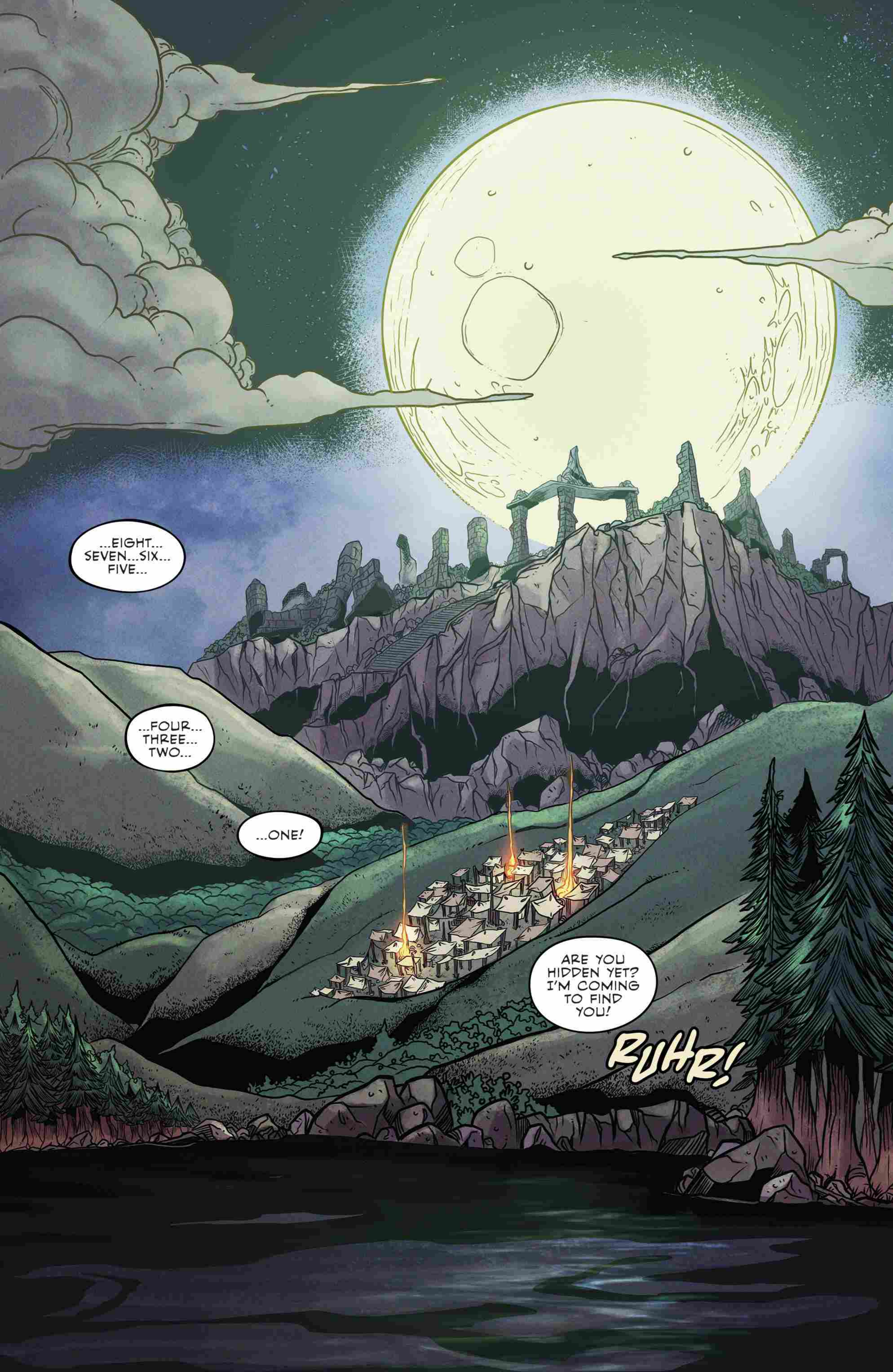
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...EIGHT...
SEVEN...SIX...
FIVE...

...FOUR...
THREE...
TWO...

...ONE!

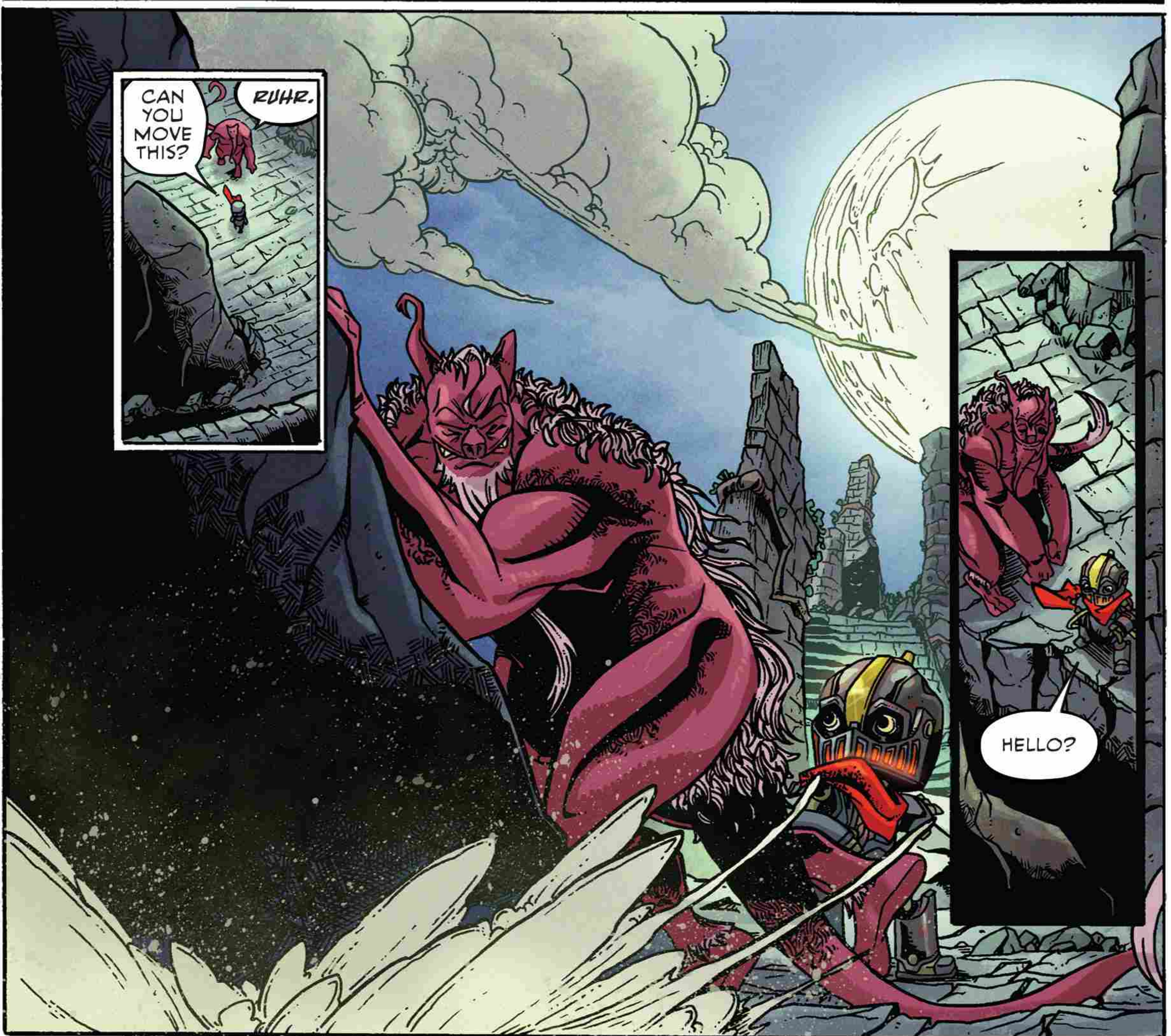
ARE YOU
HIDDEN YET?
I'M COMING
TO FIND
YOU!

RUHR!





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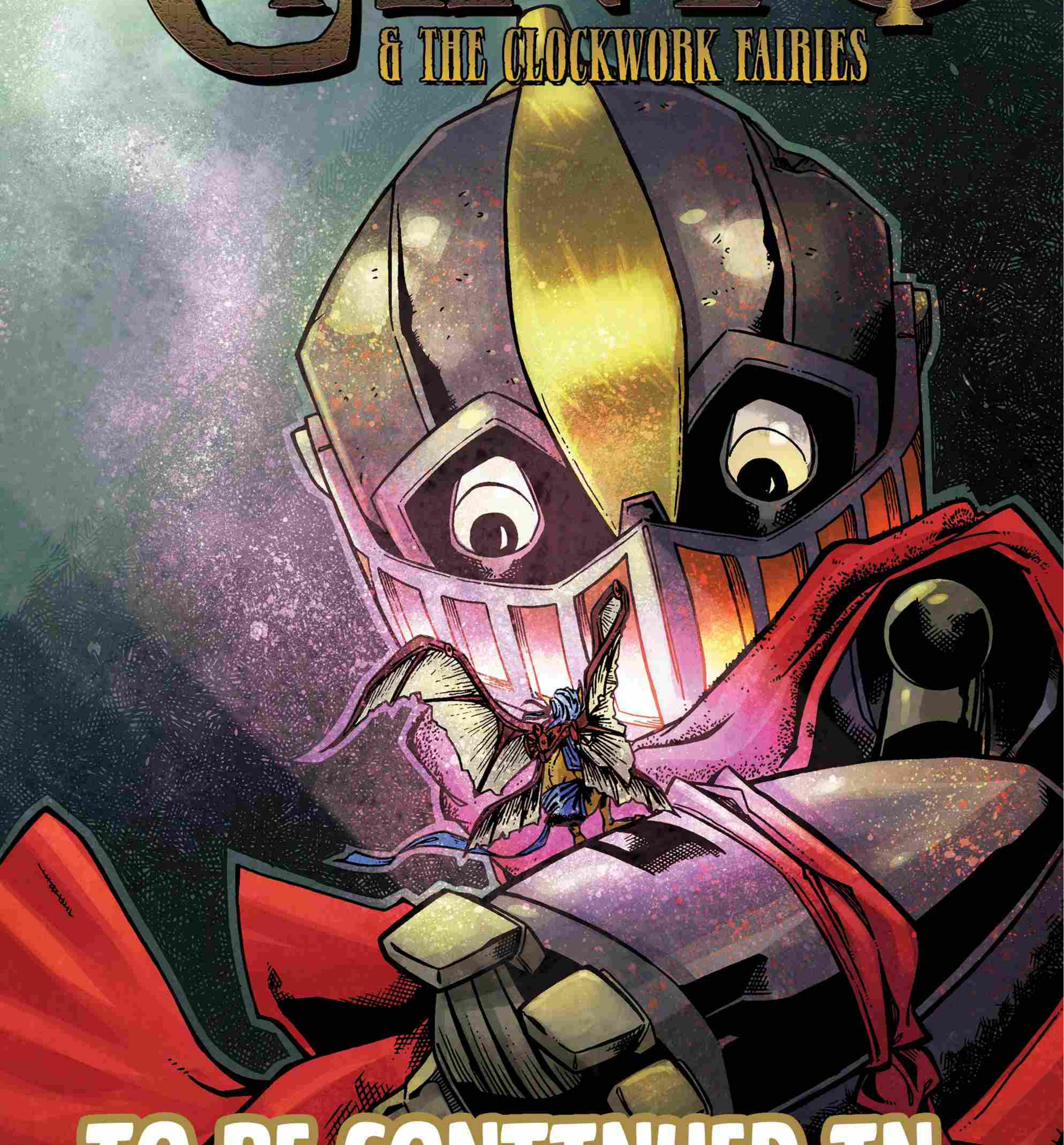
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